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Carroll selected to participate in the Aspen Institute Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership

Representative Jennifer Carroll (R-Fleming Island) was nominated and selected as one of 24 state and local government leaders from around the country to become a member of the Aspen Institute Class of 2009 Rodel Fellows that will begin fellowship in January 2010. "Each of the members of the class was selected on their reputation for intellect, thoughtfulness, and a bipartisan approach to governing," said former Congressman Mickey Edwards, the program's director.

The Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership Program consists of three seminars; the first of which Representative Carroll will attend as a member of the Rodel Fellows in Aspen, Colorado this month. The ideas that will be discussed during this seminar range from the meaning of the terms "democracy" and "freedom" to philosophical questions about whether the concepts mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution are still important in the 21st century.

"I was honored to be selected as a member of this influential group of Fellows," stated Carroll. "I am thrilled to be able to represent the great state of Florida by sharing the knowledge that I have acquired as a member of the Florida House of Representatives, as the former Secretary of Department of Veterans' Affairs, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, and a business owner," concluded Carroll.

The Rodel Program is open by invitation only to men and women who hold an elected position and who are ideally between the ages of 25 and 50.

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The Program is based on the idea of bringing together political leaders to take part in bipartisan dialogue about the important issues facing the United States today; such as health care, the environment, and public education, to name a few. The 23 other members consist of politicians from both major parties, Democrats and Republicans, and serve in many different roles in their states. These members hold positions such as a State Representative, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and City/County Council Member.

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